

member of South Alabama's business community, Mr. Wendell L. Sawyer, Sr., of Mobile.

Mr. Sawyer passed away on August 29, 2010, at the age of 73 after a battle with leukemia.

America is made great through the contributions of local community leaders, either in business or in public service, who give more than their share to better the lives of their fellow man. Wendell Sawyer was just such a person.

Born in Monroeville, Alabama in 1937, Wendell moved with his parents to Chickasaw in Mobile County where he grew up, graduating from Vigor High School.

A hardworking businessman with a friendly manner and generous spirit, Wendell labored in the retail furniture business for nearly 55 years. He began his career with Sokol Furniture in Pritchard, Alabama. When the business closed in 1970, he established his own store, Sawyer Furniture, which became an icon in the community and the flagship for a chain of five locations in the Mobile area.

Sadly, his Pritchard furniture store was lost to a fire earlier this year. But local residents and customers remembered Wendell as a special kind of businessman; a person who always treated others as best friends. He also helped those in need, returning the kindness that his community had bestowed upon him and his family for more than a half century.

Madam Speaker, Wendell Sawyer was a pillar of our community and his loss will be sorely felt. On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I offer condolences to his children, Wendell "Del" Sawyer, Jr., Dawn Sawyer Cooper, John H. Sawyer, and his grandchildren, Jaclyn Sawyer, Wendell "Trey" L. Sawyer, III, Jacob Cooper, Zachary Sawyer, Cameron Cooper, Rachel Sawyer, Rebecca Sawyer, Kristen Sawyer and Joshua Sawyer, as well as his brothers and sisters, Elaine S. Sanford, Terrill Sawyer, Norville Sawyer, Malcolm Sawyer, and Emily S. Blount. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
OF DR. ADEWALE TROUTMAN TO  
LOUISVILLE

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a man whose service to my hometown has not just improved our community, but has literally saved lives. Since 2003, Dr. Adewale Troutman has led the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness with an ambition only topped by his achievements. As he moves on from our community to pursue new opportunities, no one can doubt that his work has left our community healthier and stronger.

Locally and nationally, Dr. Troutman's name has become synonymous with the fight to achieve real health equity and better health outcomes for each and every one of our citizens. And, his legacy is visible in every corner of our community.

It's evident at Healthy Start, the Louisville program that has dramatically reduced infant mortality and provided exceptional care to expecting and new mothers under Dr. Trout-

man's watch. It's seen in the cleaner air in our public places, thanks to Dr. Troutman's fight for a public smoking ban. And it's found in his widespread efforts to reduce health disparities and ensure every citizen of Louisville has the opportunity to live a long, fulfilling life. Through that work and so much more, Dr. Troutman has played a critical role in establishing Louisville as a place where the health and well-being of every resident is a top priority.

Every American should aspire to make their community a better place. Along with his wife Denise Vazquez Troutman, and her service at Louisville's Center for Women and Families, the Troutmans have more than exceeded that goal.

We in Louisville will miss Dr. Troutman's service but will continue to benefit from his legacy for years to come. Though he and Denise are leaving our community, the thousands of children and families that now have better opportunities to be healthy and better chances to succeed in life will serve as long-standing reminders of their work.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognition of the extraordinary work and dedication of Dr. Adewale Troutman to Louisville, Kentucky.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDY PROZES

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Global CEO of LexisNexis Andy Prozes as he announces his retirement from the company. Andy Prozes has been the global CEO for more than 10 years. During his tenure, Mr. Prozes has transformed LexisNexis into one of the largest, most technologically advanced information solutions companies in the world. Today, LexisNexis serves over one million users daily and has over 17,000 employees in over 100 locations around the world. LexisNexis' global headquarters is located in my district in Manhattan and employs over 800 people.

Mr. Prozes' positive impact on LexisNexis and the people who work there will be felt long after he retires. Mr. Prozes grew LexisNexis from \$1.7 billion in revenue in 2000 to over \$4 billion in 2009. In addition to serving corporate and legal clients, LexisNexis provides important information solutions to federal and state law enforcement agencies in New York and across the country to help them locate missing children, investigate crimes, and track down sex offenders and other criminals.

Protecting children is one of Mr. Prozes' passions. Under Andy Prozes' leadership, LexisNexis has donated information solutions to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to help that organization accomplish its important mission. With the help of information provided by LexisNexis, NCMEC has recovered hundreds of missing children and reunited them with their loved ones.

Mr. Prozes has also been a leader in the battle against human trafficking—particularly with respect to the horrific practice of trafficking young boys and girls as sex slaves. Mr. Prozes is an active supporter of the Somali Mam Foundation, an organization dedicated to

combating human trafficking and assisting children and other victims of this despicable crime. This past October, the Somali Mam Foundation honored Mr. Prozes for his efforts on behalf of those who are unable to fight for themselves. He was also recognized by the Asian Woman's Center in October of 2009, for his leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Prozes has also been a vocal proponent of the Rule of Law and is a recognized leader within his industry for advancing the Rule of Law around the globe. LexisNexis, under Mr. Prozes' leadership, has provided thousands of hours of pro bono work to protect basic human rights and help society flourish through independent judiciaries and fair and equal access to justice for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Prozes on his many accomplishments, and thanking him for the tremendous contributions he has made in promoting the Rule of Law and helping to combat human trafficking around the globe.

HONORING SPECIALIST JESSE A.  
SNOW

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect our freedoms, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Specialist Jesse A. Snow.

A 2003 Fairborn High School graduate and Army service member, Snow was killed while serving this country in Afghanistan on November 14, 2010. He gave his life, along with four other service members, in the defense of our freedoms.

Snow, 25, was full of energy and life. He had a kind spirit and he cared about everyone. He never let an opportunity pass by to make sure those around him were laughing and smiling. He is remembered by many as often telling jokes and expressing his personal care for others.

Snow was content with life but felt a calling to serve. Friends and family remember him as a noble gentleman who always placed others' needs in front of his own. In April of 2009 he joined the U.S. Army, as an infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He served with distinction and his awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Survived by his parents, John W. Snow, Sr., and Janice Snow of Fairborn, and siblings, Snow is remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle. His devotion to his family, friends, fellow service members, and to this nation are honorable. A hard worker and a loyal patriot, he selflessly served this country with bravery and valor.

Thus, it is that I stand on behalf of those constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Specialist Jesse A. Snow, a true hero.

HONORING JACOB GEORGE HUDSON

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Jacob George Hudson, or Shag as he was known by almost everyone, is one of the most liked and respected men in Greenback, Tennessee, a town in my District. I recently received the sad news that Shag passed away at the age of 93.

He lived a long life full of family, friends, and the respect of everyone who knew him.

He was a very close friend to both me and my late father and one of the strongest supporters we ever had.

Although Shag accomplished much personal success, his devotion to God, family, and Country always came first.

He was a member of Greenback First Presbyterian Church for 62 years and served his congregation in every way possible as an Elder and Deacon. Before his death, Shag asked that people donate to the Greenback First Presbyterian Church Building Fund upon his passing instead of sending flowers. Even in death, he continued to give.

Shag also devoted his life to his community. He served on the Loudon County Commission from 1954–1982. In that capacity, he married more than 3,000 couples. I cannot think of a better way to strengthen the base of a community than with an investment in family, and Shag has been there from the beginning for so many families in Greenback. Shag did not just officiate the ceremonies, but he also served as a living example of commitment through his 69-year marriage to his wife Willie Dixon Hudson.

Many in Greenback also know Shag from his 65 years as a cattle broker and his 60-year membership in the Greenback Masonic lodge.

He is especially proud of the time he spent as a member of the Farm Service Agency State Committee from 1987–1992. In this position, he was able to help farmers all across the State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to call the remarkable life of Shag Hudson to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and extend my sympathies to his wife Willie, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Judy Hudson, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Johnny Powell, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and brother Howard. He is greatly missed and fondly remembered by everyone lucky enough to have known him.

IN HONOR OF THE DUTCH KILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the Dutch Kills Civic Association, a not-for-profit organization that has made significant contributions to the economic and civic life of the community in western Queens that it serves. This month, the Dutch Kills Civic Association is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Fundraiser and Celebration at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens.

The historic community of Dutch Kills traces its origins back to the original settlers of Queens in the seventeenth century, who were first granted a license to settle the area in 1642. In recognition of that heritage, the Dutch Kills Civic Association adopted a windmill as part of its logo when it was first founded in 1979.

Under the able stewardship of its President, Gerald J. Walsh, and its Executive Director, George Stamatiades, the Dutch Kills Civic Association embraced as its mission the promotion and stimulation of a more active participation in the improving and maintaining of proper services of the community. The Association focuses on maintaining the quality of life and assuring the adequate delivery of municipal government services in the areas such as health, safety, housing, ecology, highways and traffic, sanitation, lighting, education, fire, police protection, youth and senior citizens welfare, planning and zoning development, consumer protection, utilities, fair taxation, and water supply. Its members seek to represent, unite, and mobilize the Dutch Kills community in order to maintain the community as a desirable place in which to live and work.

The Dutch Kills Civic Association made an invaluable contribution to city planning efforts when it commissioned a land use survey and report in March and April of 2005. The Survey included a Visual Field Inspection of land use in the Dutch Kills community, with the results were placed on 37 grid maps that were color coded, graphed and totaled. The survey inspected all structures on streets, avenues and roads in the Dutch Kills community and has provided an invaluable guide to community leaders, residents, and civic planners.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to offer my heartiest congratulations to the Dutch Kills Civic Association as it marks three decades of representing its community in western Queens. I salute the work of the Dutch Kills Civic Association and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Association and its members for their many contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON HAYES TOWARDS ENHANCING WORKPLACE SAFETY AND AWARENESS

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of the House the work of a remarkable American and constituent of mine, Mr. Ron Hayes, of Fairhope, Alabama.

As blessed as we are to be living in America, we would do well to remember that our society continues to be enhanced through the noble efforts of those who tirelessly and passionately pursue a better quality of life for us all. These often unsung heroes seek only the reward of knowing they have transformed our laws and our land for the better.

I rise today to honor one such individual who has spent nearly two decades advocating for the safety of all Americans in the workplace and to provide timely moral support to

the accident victims and their families. His efforts have made a difference.

Ron Hayes began his journey to improve workplace safety in 1993 when he lost his beloved 19-year-old son, Patrick, to a grain silo accident in Florida. Facing tremendous emotional pain, Ron and his wife, Dot, sought details of their son's death as well as survivor's benefits from local, state and federal agencies, only to be met with delays and few answers. After two years of navigating the bureaucracy, they resolved to learn everything they could about workplace safety standards and sought ways to both improve job safety rules and enforcement.

Ron Hayes' dedication resulted in the revision of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's, OSHA, grain handling standards. But this was only the beginning. Ron and his wife founded the Families In Grief Hold Together Project, a non-profit group devoted to assisting families and workers cope with the consequences of workplace accidents and deaths.

Some 10,000 people lose their lives while working each year. Ron Hayes worked with OSHA to create a policy which the agency often uses in communicating with family members after a workplace accident.

Since its founding, the FIGHT Project has reached out to nearly 800 families, providing valuable help in the grieving process, negotiating the red tape and finally, in healing.

Ron Hayes could have stopped there, but his dedication to improving worker safety has motivated him to speak to almost 50,000 workers and taken him to some of the largest companies in the world. He has testified before Congress on numerous occasions and has served as a special advisor to the Senate Labor Committee.

Ron Hayes has been awarded many awards for humanitarian efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of this entire House, I commend Ron Hayes' selfless dedication to worker safety while providing comfort and valuable counsel to families.

In our society it is possible for one person, or in this case a husband and wife, to make a difference that will positively impact the lives of millions. Ron Hayes has shown us that a lone voice for good can not only be heard, but can change society for the better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Monday, November 29, 2010.

However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

"Yea" on H.R. 5877 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building."

"Yea" on H. Res. 771, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.